

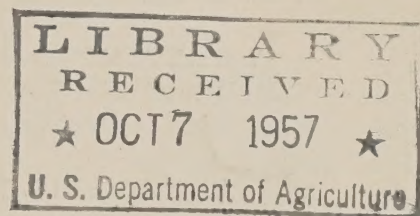
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IRIS



Hemerocallis Peonies Poppies

1947

Topnotch Gardens

ON U.S. HIGHWAY 20

Chesterton

Indiana

Business Policies and Terms of Sale

(Please Read Before Ordering)

MAKE ALL CHECKS, drafts, or money orders payable to TOPNOTCH GARDENS. Please do not send stamps or currency. Terms are cash with order except to those with established credit.

ORDERS OF \$2.50 and over will be sent postage prepaid. Orders under this amount must be accompanied by **35c extra** to cover packing and shipping costs.

TO GIVE YOU large, fully developed Iris rhizomes, we prefer to ship during the month of August. We will, however, ship earlier or later. Poppy shipments can be made any time between early August and October, Hemerocallis and Peonies from September to November. **On all orders please specify desired shipping date, merging shipments wherever possible.** (Iris with poppies, hems or poppies with peonies, etc.)

EARLY ORDERING is advised, especially on newest varieties. When ordering please state whether an equal or higher priced plant in the same color class may be substituted in case we are sold out of desired variety. Or specify second choice.

OUR STOCK is well grown, true to name, hardy and vigorous. If plants are not satisfactory or are not in good condition on arrival, kindly return at once for exchange or refund of money. **Complaints on stock must be made within five days after receipt.** We cannot assume responsibility for plants after that time, as care is no longer in our hands.

WE ATTEMPT to answer all correspondence promptly, but efficient help is still difficult to obtain. You will aid in getting a quick answer if letters requiring reply are written separately from order.

AS YOU WILL NOTE, we are doing all we can to combat inflation by materially reducing prices. Your cooperation in conforming with the above suggestions will enable us to lower operating costs, which is necessary if small businesses such as ours are to survive present and future economic adjustments.

BUSINESS REFERENCES AND STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP

BANKING REFERENCES:

Chesterton State Bank, Chesterton, Indiana.

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TOPNOTCH GARDENS are owned and operated by Deanette M. Small, (Mrs. Waldo P. Houchin) former Chicago newspaper garden editor. Member American Iris Society, Midwest Hemerocallis Society, Indiana Nurserymen's Association, Gary Branch Business and Professional Women's Club and Gary Woman's Press Club.

Spring Notes from Waldean

It is April as I write these lines, an April that has been neither romantic nor kind. For it brought not golden bells and daffodils but black clouds and rain. Along with other residents in this section we have been without heat, light and water when power lines were down.

Above personal discomfort, however, has been concern about our plants. The iris, daylilies, poppies, peonies, columbine and phlox that weathered a severe drouth in 1946: how much adversity could they stand. What would a season be without color in garden and fields?

Today, April 21, the skies cleared and the fields dried off long enough to make the rounds. And what do you think I found?

. . . My first daffodil, a King Alfred, in bloom. . . . Fat, ready-to-burst buds on the dwarf iris. . . . The blue showing on *Mertensia virginica*—or should I say bluebells. Sulphur-yellow forsythia buds that tomorrow will be pure gold. . . . Lilacs laden with purple tips!

And the perennials in garden and field? It is true that some are washed out and others will not bloom. . . . But against this minority the vast majority promise the finest plants . . the most bloom we have ever known!

On a day like this, with a heart brimming with happiness that always follows prayer, what are the lines that keep coming to mind—

"God's in his Heaven . . .

All's right with the world."

And it always is. . . . If you own and love a garden.

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The bleakest of winter days is instantly transformed to an aura of sunshine when a letter arrives from a friend. I had many sunshiny days this past winter from the mail at my door. Most of the letters were from customer friends who like myself "never seem to get caught up with correspondence during the growing season." Many reported on how Topnotch iris were doing, the reports favorable in practically all instances.

Which brings to mind an incident of last summer. . . . A customer who ordered Vagabond Prince returned the rhizome to us, stating it was too small, and in her opinion, not worth the money. . . . Now the Prince, like Elsa Sass, City of Lincoln, etc., has never developed large roots for us, although we generally have a fair amount of bloom. So we just wrote: "Sorry. Returning your money . . ." and reset the muchly traveled plant.

Yes, it's going to bloom this year, with an increase of three, as large an increase as ever we obtain on this variety, and certainly as good a performance. Now who's ahead, she or me?

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Every season brings unexpected pleasures as well as anticipated pleasures denied. In March of this year at the invitation of David Burpee, president of W. Atlee



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Burpee Seed Co. of Philadelphia, I had the most unexpected pleasure of seeing the New England Spring Flower Show at Boston for the first time. Those of you who live in that region need no words of mine to describe the very fine show seen there. I came home filled with admiration for the artistry of all the nurserymen, garden club members and estate owners who put in gardens, special exhibits or arranged flowers.

Boston I found a friendly town. It was a great pleasure to meet William Clark, new editor of Horticulture magazine, and to renew acquaintance with that master showman, Arno Nehrling.

Back from Boston I spent a number of days at the National Flower Show in Chicago. High point there was meeting Miss Yim, United Nations delegate from Korea, who during the course of a press interview stated that "women in Korea retain their own name throughout their lifetime: they do not take their husband's name at marriage."

I write this with diabolic intent, for last year, via mail, I was severely chastised by that well-known New Yorker, M. Frederick Stuntz, who complained because "newspaper women insist on using their own names . . . and photographs intimating they are much younger than they really are."

Well, if Mrs. can remain Misses in the ancient and honorable land of Korea, just what can't we Miss-Mrs. get by with in this young-and-vigorous land of free enterprise, I ask you, Mr. Stuntz!

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A pleasure denied last year was the regional meeting of the American Iris Society members at Fort Wayne, viewing the new iris at Mary Williamson's and the seedlings at Paul Cook's. A pleasure renewed was getting in to see Mr. and Mrs. David F. Hall at Wilmette and the famous Hall pinks. A surprise, and a happy one, was having dinner at the Orville Fay's. A roguish note was the candid comment of Ralph Schroeder, who, as an iris judge, is very hard.

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We have only one serious complaint to make about 1946's treatment of us. (We long ago forgave her the drouth, when our plants staged such a magnificent comeback.) At the October 12 A.I.S. luncheon in Chicago, a great many growers and hybridizers had donated some of the newest iris as door prizes . . . Lynn Langford, Pink Cameo, New Horizon, Blue Rhythm, Chivalry, Burgundy Rose. You know, the sort of dream list that made your heart thump.

And did I win one—I did not! But every one of the six other guests sitting at my table **did**! Since it was none other than Ralph Schroeder who pulled the numbers out of the hat. . . . Well, that's what I think, too! But being a lady, I am keeping quiet!

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I said I would never do it—print testimonial letters in my catalog. But Mr. Warren Canright, owner and publisher of that friendly country newspaper, The Cherterton Tribune, who again kindly consented to publish this catalog, has just informed me I would either have to furnish additional copy (Insert "A", he terms it) for this space, or else "close it up . . ." So at this point I want to insert the testimonial lines that came last month, and that meant a great deal to me, for they came from a hybridizer and iris judge of national reputation:

"I must say the plants you sent have given about the best increase of anything received last year . . . Both Deb's Delight and Burgundy Rose have increased far better than average, each having five or more, so will surely bloom . . . Foliage is taller than almost anything else in the new ones . . . I lay it to the vigor of the plants you sent."

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Here we are at the end of another column. A column much longer and less practical than the one I enjoy writing daily on "Gardening" for the Gary Post-Tribune.

Before I close, let me thank friends and customers for loyal support and patronage during past seasons. It goes without saying that the hours spent in garden and field are as much for your enjoyment of better plants and flowers as for ours. It goes without saying that your criticism, praise and purchases make this modest catalog possible, so to you, our friends and customers, this 1947 book is dedicated.

Sincerely,

Waldean Farm,
April 21, 1947,

Deanette M. Small.

1947 Iris Introductions

This year, as in 1946, both of our introductions come from the hybridizing garden of David F. Hall of Wilmette, Illinois. Best known as creator of the new "flamingo pinks" in the past twenty years Mr. Hall has produced outstanding iris in every color class.

Both Frostia and Cock Robin (Seedling 40-52) were selected by us in 1943 in Mr. Hall's garden as promising. In 1944 both came into bloom at Topnotch, where because of Cock Robin's brilliance the two then leading variegatas, City of Lincoln and Persian Prince seemed dull in comparison.

In 1946 additional stock was secured from Mr. Hall and permission granted for 1947 introduction.

COCK ROBIN (Hall 40-52)

\$10.00

Mr. Hall describes Cock Robin as a "clean, bright variegata, 36" tall, a very free bloomer, with good branching, substance and stems." We would like to add that the brilliance of Robin comes from standards that are more gold than tan and falls more red than brown. The falls are heavily substantced, almost leathery or suede-like. The flower stands up well under rain or sun with little bleaching or spotting. As with many of the Hall hybrids, the plant is a strong grower . . . a rapid propagator.

As a seedling this iris was widely distributed. Reports of growing habits from all over the country have been most favorable. Cock Robin has also received complimentary notices in the AIS bulletin on several occasions.

FROSTIA (Hall)

\$5.00

We are well aware that the "fine white" iris color class is rapidly becoming, if not already, overcrowded . . . We know within recent years there have been many truly outstanding whites introduced . . . We lay no claim to Frostia being better, but simply state that in many cases it is equally as good . . . The fact that we like it better is no mark of merit but indicates personal preference only.

Frostia has a very large full flower . . . likely the largest white seen . . . a clean white white with a yellow beard. Stem and branching excellent. It has not been as strong or as rapid a grower for us as many of the Hall pinks, blends, etc. have been, but like many varieties, "just average."

The purity of coloring and perfection of flowers becomes apparent when Frostia is established as a clump.

TABLE OF DEFINITIONS

"S"—Standards. The arching or upper petals of an iris flower. **"F"—Falls.** The drooping, flaring or falling lower petals. **Sheen**—The finish or texture of an iris petal. **Substance**—Indicates petal thickness. An iris with good substance holds up better in unfavorable weather. **Self**—Same solid color in both standards and falls. **Blend**—Colors combined or blended in both S and F. **Bi-color**—Lighter standards and deeper falls.

Amoena — White to cream standards and colored falls. **Plicata**—White or yellow standards with falls of similar color but with deep colored stitching or feather brushing around edges. **Variegata**—Yellow toned standards with bright, often lustrous falls in rich red, brown, etc. **Beard**—The crest or hairlike line on the falls running from center outward. Generally yellow to orange toned, more recently tangerine.

Season of bloom . . . In normal weather the tall bearded iris blooming season lasts approximately three weeks. Cool weather prolongs it, hot weather shortens it. Early (E) indicates a variety that regularly comes into bloom during the first week or ten days of the season, midseason (M) and late (L) or very late (VL) in like manner indicates their season of bloom. In 1946 we had an early, favorable iris blooming season. Our first tall bearded iris opened on May 13th; the last closed about June 10th. Our 1947 season, complicated by excessive rains, lack of sunshine and unduly cold, will be late . . . likely the end of May before any bloom will be out.

Alphabetical List of Tall Bearded Iris

Reduced in context to make room for additional listings. For more complete description refer to our 1946 catalog or write for information.

BLUE TRIUMPH. Light blue with large flaring flowers. .25

BROWN THRASHER. Impressive, glowing bronze. \$7.00

BURGUNDY ROSE. Large, ruffled dark amethyst-colored flowers. Striking, vigorous and free blooming. \$10.00

BUTTERCUP LANE. Golden yellow, heavily ruffled. \$1.00

CALIFORNIA GOLD. Large, tall, glittering yellow, hardy and free blooming. .25

CALIFORNIA PEACH. Blend of pink and apricot, with large blooms of elegant form on widely branched stems. \$2.50

CAPTAIN WELLS. Rich maroon purple. Good substance and vigorous growing. \$3.50

CAROLINE BURR. Tall, large flowered ivory-cream. \$3.00

CHANTILLY. Orchid pink, heavily frilled. Good substance, winter hardy and free blooming. \$12.00

CHEERIO. Rich ruby-red falls with standards of old rose. .25

CHINA LADY. Fine cream iris, originated in southern California. Rampant grower in Indiana. \$1.50

CHINA MAID. Soft lilac pink on tall stalks. .75

CHRISTABEL. Scintillating red, very popular. .60

CITY OF LINCOLN. This likely was the most brilliant variegata until Cock Robin came along. \$1.00

CLARIBEL. Choice white blue edged plicata, with striking yellow beard. .35

COCK ROBIN. For this fine, new variegata, see Page 5.

COPPER LUSTRE. Subdued copper with golden iridescence. .25

COPPER ROSE. Rich blend of old rose, tan and copper. \$3.00

CORONET. Rose flushed golden tan. .25

ACE OF SPADES. Black. Large blooms, smooth finish, free flowering. .75

ACTION FRONT. Copper red. Good height, substance, branching and growing habits. \$4.00

ADELANTO. Gold and brown blend, strong growing and generous blooming. \$1.00

ALADDIN'S WISH. Blue brushed with cream. Unique. \$10.00

ALASTOR. Deep pink with orange beard. \$1.25

ALINE. Azure blue of perfect form. .25

AMANDINE. Ruffled cream self, of good substance and branching. 1946 AIS rating 90. \$18.00

AMIGO. Lavender bi-color of great garden value. .75

ANGELUS. Late pink or light rose of good form. .50

ARCTIC. Creamy white flowers, large and beautiful. Plant is a wonderful grower for us. \$1.00

AUBANEL. Shrimp pink blended with yellow. .90

AZURE SKIES. Exquisitely ruffled pale lavender flowers. Good substance and branching. \$4.50

BALLET GIRL. Ruffled blush pink .25

BALMUNG. Yellow plicata, cinnamon dotted. One of the best. \$1.75

BERKELEY GOLD. Deep yellow of fine form and substance. Award of Merit AIS 1946. \$4.00

BIRCHBARK. Large white of medium height and splendid branching. Parent of "Arctic." .75

BLACK WINGS. Midnight blue, rich and lustrous. .25

BLUE RHYTHM. Large cornflower blue flowers on tall well branched stalks. Vigorous grower for us. 1946 rating 90. \$15.00

BLUE SHIMMER. One of the finest blue plicatas. Permanent rating 89. \$7.00

CRIMSON TIDE. Large flowers of deep red. Strong grower. **\$1.00**

CRYSTAL BEAUTY. Pure white flowers on tall stalks. **.25**

DAUNTLESS. Large velvety red. **.25**

DAYBREAK. 1946 Dykes-tied large ruffled pink and gold blend. **\$4.50**

DAWN OF GOLD. Salbach's ruffled, heavy substance, deep rich gold self. **\$2.75**

DEB'S DELIGHT. Delightful apricot pink of good form and substance. Vigorous grower, free bloomer. **\$4.00**

DESTINY. Large blooms of deep bronze purple. **.40**

DINAH SHORE. Honey-orange introduction of Tom Williams'. **\$8.00**

DYMIA. Early blue-bearded purple. **.25**

EASTER BONNET. Rhodenite pink margined with gold. Sturdy grower at Topnotch. **\$12.00**

E. B. WILLIAMSON. Coppery red blend. Choice. **.50**

EDWARD LAPHAM. Last year we moved Edward . . . and this year growth and increase greatly improved. In color a really top red. **\$6.00**

ELMOHR. Famous red violet Dykes medalist. **\$2.00**

ELSA SASS. Cool as a lemon, thirst quenching in its loveliness. Very popular. **.90**

EROS. Tall, handsome salmon pink. **.25**

ETHEL PECKHAM. Finely formed large red flowers. **.25**

ETHELYN KLEITZ. Early, tall, light red. **\$1.00**

EXCLUSIVE. Classic powdery blue. **.50**

FAIR ELAINE. Fair indeed, this fine yellow bi-color. Dependable blooming and rapid increasing. **\$1.00**

FAIRY LUSTRE. Excellent substanded light yellow. **\$1.00**

FIESTA. A riot of copper rose. **\$1.00**

FLORA CAMPBELL. Warm red-brown blend. **\$1.00**

FLORA ZENOR. Shell pink, marked with odd reddish-pink blotch. Fine as a clump. **\$1.50**

FLORENTINE. Blue-toned plicata on white background. **\$1.00**

FORTUNE. Large, brown gold self. **\$1.00**

FRANK ADAMS. Rosy bicolor; a strong grower. **.50**

FROSTIA. For this latest white, see Page 5.

FROSTY MOON. Ruffled white tinted lavender of good substance and strong growing habits. **\$5.00**

GARDEN FLAME. Rich garnet red. **\$5.00**

GARDEN GLORY. Mrs. Whiting's "Bordeaux red." **\$8.00**

GARDEN MAGIC. Deep red, fine when established. **\$1.00**

GENERAL MacARTHUR. Enormous cream white, tall and impressive. **\$3.00**

GLEN ELLEN. Tall golden tan, most attractive. **\$1.00**

GLORIOLE. Fine pale frosty blue **.40**

GOLDEN EAGLE. Mr. Hall's tall glowing yellow. **\$2.50**

GOLDEN FLEECE. Exquisite ruffled light yellow. **\$3.00**

GOLDEN HIND. Brilliant early yellow. **.25**

GOLDEN MADONNA. Elegant form and finish, a fine cream yellow. **\$1.00**

GOLDEN RUSSET. The unusual feature of this flower is its great size. Splendid grower, free bloomer, generous increaser. **\$10.00**

GOLDEN SPIKE. Deep lemon self, rated 90. **\$1.50**

GOLDEN TREASURE. Shimmering cream; a topnotcher. **.40**

GREAT LAKES. Fine pure light blue, without veining. **\$1.25**

GUDRUN. Large, early warm white. **.25**

GYPSY. Variegata by Kleinsorge, featuring large flowers with standards and chestnut brown falls. Tall, well branched and late. **\$5.00**

HOOSIER SUNRISE. Mauve pink and yellow blend, clean and refreshing. Strong grower. **\$3.50**

ICY BLUE. A crisp iris; one of Weed's best. **\$1.00**



(Photo by Pomeroy)

Scene in the parlor of "Waldean" during Iristime

The Misses Nancy LaBate and Claire Elizabeth Sharp of Gary pose with James H. Small, son of Deanette M. Small, owner of Topnotch Gardens. The "Debs" acted as hostesses during the formal ceremonies that marked the debut of "Deb's Delight . . ." the pink iris hybridized by David F. Hall and introduced by Topnotch Gardens in 1946.

A photograph of Miss Sharp beside a clump of "Deb" and an article relating how thousands of Iris are grown at Topnotch and shipped all over America was later published in the Valparaiso (Indiana) Vidette-Messenger.

TOPNOTCH GARDENS are located northwest of Porter and Chesterton, Indiana, fronting on U.S. Highway 20, the main route between Chicago and Detroit, or about 14 miles east of Gary and 9 miles west of Michigan City and 1½ miles west of Indiana State Police Barracks. As yet a highway drive-in is not completed, so we suggest you use the private drive off the old country road just north of Route 20, driving in at the shaded lane which leads to the old red brick house.

Garden and women's clubs, as well as other organized groups, are cordially invited to take advantage of the picnic facilities available at WALDEAN FARM, where Topnotch Gardens are located. Rolling lawns, shady trees, an outside kitchen fully equipped, as well as plenty of lawn chairs and tables, are always available on reservation.

Come and stay as long as you like. Plan a day of relaxation among old-fashioned farm surroundings amid a setting of modern-day flowers. The Gardens are always abloom from early spring until frost.

A field
of iris
at
Topnotch.
The bloom
you see
here
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INDIAN HILLS. Rich true purple and a wondrous grower. **.25**

INNOVATION. Mr. Hall's rosy trimmed plicata. **\$7.00**

INVICTUS. Intense yellow, orange toned. **\$2.00**

JAKE. Large pure glistening white. **\$1.00**

JASMANIA. Striking flowers of banana yellow, heightened by orange beard **.25**

JEAN CAYEUX. Havana brown and unusual. **.25**

JUNALUSKA. Glowing red - copper blend. **.25**

KALINGA. Large cream self of fine form. **.25**

KATHERINE FAY. Splendid hardy white, with large blooms on strong, well branched stems. **\$9.00**

LADY BOSCAWEN. Frilled and ruffled pure white. In high demand. **\$15.00**

LADY MOHR. Oddity or beauty? A two-color combination with standards of oyster white and falls veined char-treuse yellow. **\$20.00**

LADY NAOMI. White plicata, blue speckled. Novel and lovely. **\$2.50**

LAKE GEORGE. New blue-violet self with ruffled and domed standards, set off by flaring falls. An iris aristocrat. **\$17.50**

LAKE HURON. A nice performing, medium blue. **\$1.00**

LORD DONGAN. Pleasing violet bi-color. **\$5.00**

LORI MAY. Clear orchid pink and rose flowers of good size and substance. **\$2.00**

LOS ANGELES. One of the best older white, blue edged plicatas. **.25**

LOUVOIS. A deep rich velvety brown, odd and striking. **.75**

MAGENTA. A rich magenta or red-violet, fine in massed clumps. **.25**

MAIDEN BLUSH. Pleasing apricot self. **\$3.00**

MANDALAY. Free blooming deep pink blend. **\$3.00**

MARY GEDDES. Salmon orange 1936 Dykes winner. **.25**

MATTERHORN. Cool chaste white of classic form. **\$1.00**

MATULA. Shimmering rosy-tan-apricot blend. **.60**

MAY DAY. Glowing apricot copper; one of the best growing, blooming iris we have. **.50**

MELANIE. Ruffled orchid pink on well branched stems, quite tall. **\$2.00**

MELITZA. Bewitching ivory pink, with tangerine beard. **\$1.00**

MICHAEL ANGELO. Odd, beautiful blend of lavender, old rose and grey. **.25**

MING YELLOW. Clear, rich yellow self. Flowers exceedingly large. **\$1.00**

MISS CALIFORNIA. Tall lilac pink. Strong grower. **.50**

MISSOURI. Faultless, heavy substance medium blue. A must have. **.40**

MME. LOUISE AUREAU. A novel white plicata, rosy tinted. **.40**

MOONLIGHT MADONNA. Midseason lemon yellow of fine form and excellent substance. **\$5.00**

MOROCCO ROSE. Large rose pink and very fine. **\$1.00**

MOUNT CLOUD. Satiny blue white. **.25**

MOUNT HERMON. Regal white with pale yellow beard. **\$12.50**

MOUNT WASHINGTON. Huge, tall white with domed standards, semi-flaring falls, and heavy substance. **.50**

MRS. J. L. GIBSON. Lustrous deep blue-violet. **.25**

MULBERRY ROSE. Deep pink or mulberry rose self with blooms of large size on tall, strong stems. In great demand. **\$3.50**

NANCY HARDISON. Peach pink, blended pale yellow. Ruffled standards, rounded falls. **\$15.00**

NARADA. Clear light blue of fine form. **.25**

NARANJA. Brassy orange, vivid, productive and popular. **.25**

NIGHTFALL. Mr. Hall's rich velvety dark pansy purple number. Because of bloom habit and growth, we prefer it to Sable. **\$2.00**

NORMAN THOMAS. Blue purple bi-color . . . a Wm. Mohr seedling that comes highly recommended. Introduced by Tell Muhlestein. **\$4.00**

OLA KALA. The deep yellow nearly orange Sass introduction that tied with Daybreak last year for Dykes award. Blooms readily and increases rapidly here. **\$7.00**

OLD PARCHMENT. Light creamy tan overlaid with buff. **\$1.00**

ORCHID LADY. Large perfectly formed blooms of lilac pink. A fine garden as well as cut flower. **\$3.00**

OREGON TRAIL. A large flower of smoothly blended salmon and brown. By Kleinsorge. **\$4.50**

ORMOHR. Large pale lilac-violet flowers, similar to Wm. Mohr except taller and better grower. **.75**

PARATROOPER. We picked Paratrooper out of Orville Fay's garden last year as a "must have" white. Flowers are large, bold, distinctive and late. **\$4.00**

PERSIAN PRINCE. A variegata with yellow standards and rich brown falls, exceedingly showy, and a strong grower. **\$1.50**

PHOEBE. A beautiful oddity of pale yellow with translucent green. **\$2.50**

PINK REFLECTION. Paul Cook's fine new chamois-skin pink blend. **\$6.00**

PIUTE. Rich red, bronzy undercast. **.25**

PORTLAND. Dual toned gold and brown. Blooms of good size and form. Very showy as a garden clump. **.50**

PRAIRIE SUNSET. Sunset color blend, a truly magnificent colored iris. Dykes medal winner. **\$2.25**

PREMIER PEACH. Clear pinkish peach self . . . a David Hall pink. **\$15.00**

PRINCE OF ORANGE. Midseason golden orange that has little competition in this color class. **\$1.00**

RADIANT. A brilliant red-bronze blend; a fine grower. Makes radiant clump. **.75**

RED AMBER. Handsome, tall, midseason rose-red. **\$3.00**

RHAPSODY. An unusual colored blend of brown purple. **.75**

RIO ORO. De Forest's honey yellow self on tall well branched stalks. **\$3.00**

ROSY WINGS. Blend of red, pink and copper. **.25**

ROYAL COACH. Yellow plicata bordered brown on standards and falls. **.25**

ROYAL SCOT. Tall, large flowered red trimmed plicata. We prefer this plicata to Innovation, both by David Hall. **\$4.00**

RUTH POLLOCK. A fine light yellow plicata lightly spotted with deep rose. Good grower and free bloomer. **\$1.75**

SABLE. Paul Cook's black number that is very good. **\$1.50**

SALAR. Cream-tan background overlaid with salmon. Unusual blend. **\$1.50**

SAMOVAR. Coppery rose blend, most attractive. **\$1.00**

SEDUCTION. A French importation. A plicata with large creamy white blooms, veined and stitched with lilac, 40 in. tall; late; odd and distinct. **.50**

SHAH JEHAN. An Oriental blend of buff, grey and plum red, with lavender tones in margin. **.25**

SHERIFFA. Onco-bred of rich violet-purple. **\$1.00**

SHINING WATERS. Clear, clean bright blue, late, tall and very showy. **.25**

SIEGFRIED. Tall, late plicata of unusual coloring, the standards golden bronze, falls white, purple stitched. **.25**

SIERRA BLUE. Still one of the best medium blues, similar to Missouri in color but taller. **.25**

SILVER SUSIE. De Forest's five-foot flaring flowered white. **\$2.00**

SNOQUALMIE. A good cream iris with leathery substance, good form and branching. **\$1.00**

SNOW CARNIVAL. Outstanding ruffled white with large flowers on well branched stalks. **\$5.00**

SNOW FLURRY. A handsome ruffled white iris whose perfection of color and form is heightened by beauty of blue-white bud. **\$1.75**

SNOW KING. A fine performing pure white iris. **.25**

SNOW VELVET. Heavy textured, lightly ruffled white by H. P. Sass. **\$4.00**

SONG OF GOLD. A fine, early bright gold. **1.00**

SONRISA. Copper pink blend with yellow undertone. Flowers large, good substance and placement. **\$6.00**

SORRELL TOP. A different plicata. Standards light yellow, heavily brushed rose. Falls white, rose bordered. **\$5.00**

SPARKLING BLUE. Sparkling flax blue, large flowers of strong substance. **\$3.00**

SPRING SECRETARY. A russet blend. Ground color old gold shaded lilac, with a tawny cast in hafts. **.75**

SPUN GOLD. Deep golden yellow that won the Dykes medal in 1944. **\$3.50**

STARDOM. A copper pink . . . more of a blend than a self. Lustrous, shimmering, free blooming and rapid to establish. **\$1.25**

STARLESS NIGHT. Deep black, reddish toned rather than purple. Highly recommended by Mrs. Pattison. **\$3.00**

STORM KING. A black-purple self of fine form and heavy substance. **\$4.50**

SULTAN'S ROBE. A richly shaded blend by Salbach, in tones of copper-rose-red. **\$10.00**

SUMMER CLOUD. Pale blue with lemon beard. **.25**

SUMMER TAN. A rich blend of golden tan and olive. **.25**

SUNDANCE. Mrs. Nesmith's brilliant blend of tan and mahogany. **\$1.00**

SUNSET SERENADE. Large flowered apricot buff and red blend by Sass, out of Prairie Sunset. **\$7.00**

SUNSHINE. One of the finest medium height early to midseason brilliant yellows. **\$3.50**

TAPESTRY ROSE. Large flowers of soft old rose on stout well branched stems. **\$2.00**

TEA ROSE. Tall, early to midseason blend of rose and gold, with infusion of blue-lavender. An introduction of Mrs. Whiting's that we like very much not only for color but for strong growth and free blooming qualities. **\$6.00**

THE ADMIRAL. Intense medium blue of outstanding form, finish and substance. **\$2.00**

THE BISHOP. A large flowered iris of Bishop's purple coloring. Popular. . . Stock almost sold out last season **.75**

THELMA JEAN. Sold out in 1946.

THE RED DOUGLAS. Large, late, handsome deep red. Outstanding. **\$1.00**

THE SENTINEL. Medium large flowers of burnished copper. **\$1.50**

THREE SISTERS. Late blooming cream-red amoena by DeForest. **\$1.50**

TIFFANY. Brightly painted yellow plicata, with prominent markings of rose in both standards and falls. **.50**

TITIAN LADY. A pure white iris of attractive form set off by a brilliant tangerine beard. **\$1.50**

TOBACCO ROAD. A wonderfully alive golden tobacco brown iris of good growing habits and dependable bloom. **\$7.00**

TREASURE ISLAND. Medium large flowers of vivid yellow. **.40**

VAGABOND PRINCE. Not a strong grower, but rich, glossy purple color keeps it at our border front. **.75**

VIOLET CROWN. Outstanding violet of fast growing and free blooming habit. **.40**

WABASH. Well-known amoena of great popularity. **.75**

WASATCH. Largest glistening white plicata, blue marked. **.25**

WEST POINT. Aristocrat late blooming indigo blue with overtone of brown on falls. Highly recommended. **\$1.25**

WHITE CITY. Large, lustrous white, that won Dykes medal in England, where it originated. **\$2.50**

WHITE GODDESS. Sold out in 1946.

WINTER CARNIVAL. Mr. Schreiner's pure white of fine form and substance. Last year one of the most beautiful, long lasting iris in our entire list of choice whites. **\$3.00**

WILLIAM MOHR. A very large flower of pale lavender netted with purple on 2 ft. stalks. We have some fine plants. **.25**

YELLOW JEWEL. Midseason yellow by Smith, rated 90. **\$2.00**

Hemerocallis

Hemerocallis (daylilies) are still unknown to many gardeners. Their charm lies not only in their long period of bloom but their ability to grow in full sun to partial shade, in poor to rich soil, and with practically no attention once they have been set out. The taller sorts should be used at the back of the border, medium heights in the center, and the dwarfs or low-growing type at the border front or in the rock garden.

AMARYLLIS. Golden orange flowers on 3 ft. stalks. July-August. **.50**

ANNA BETSCHER. One of the best late summer blooming orange-yellows, shaded red-bronze. **.75**

APRICOT. Fragrant apricot-orange, 2 ft. tall. Late May into June. Fine in combination with blue iris. **.35**

BAGDAD. Brilliant red and brown tones. 4 ft. June-July. **.85**

BARONET. A showy combination of rich red petals and sepals toning to an orange throat. **\$3.50**

BAY STATE. Tall, pure deep yellow, with fluted petals. 36-48" tall; bloom July-August. **.35**

BEACON. Brilliant large orange flowers in July-August. **.75**

CABALLERO. A bi-color with rose petals and yellow sepals. Flowers are large and very handsome. **\$3.50**

CHARIOTEER. A Nesmith introduction. Large lily shaped flowers of Brazilian red and yellow borne on tall stalks. July-August. **\$2.50**

CINNABAR. Pleasing flowers of deep yellow, marked soft brown. Blooms in July, about 2 ft. tall. **.50**

CRESSIDA. Rounded blooms of deep orange, reddish banded, on slender stems. July-August 30 in. **\$1.00**

ELIZABETH PYKE. Dwarf variety with orange-brown flowers in July-August. Fine for rock garden. **.75**

FESTIVAL. Petals orange with reddish brown tinge and orange mid stripe. July. 48 in. **\$3.00**

FLORHAM. Large fragrant flowers of deep golden yellow, on 3 ft. stems. **.50**

GEORGE YELD. Large flowered apricot-orange blend. Late summer. **.50**

HESPERUS. Magnificent lemon chrome with large open flowers of excellent form and substance. **\$3.50**

HYPERION. Nationally popular large canary yellow. July. **.75**

IMPERATOR. Wide pointed flowers of rich orange, lined buff and copper. Late summer. **.35**

J. A. CRAWFORD. Clear warm yellow with slightly fluted petals. June-July. **.35**

MARGARET PERRY. Brilliant orange red flowers with yellow throat. **.50**

MATADOR. A rich mahogany, almost crimson flower with velvet flush on petals. Mid-July to August. **\$3.00**

MIDAS. Clear glowing orange flower, fine in height, form and color. 3½ ft. June-July. **.75**

MIKADO. Rich yellow orange with mahogany red spot on each petal. Increases rapidly and bloom is abundant. 30 in. July. **.50**

MISSION BELLS. David Hall's fine large wide petalled ruffled clear yellow, producing a multitude of flowers on tall, strong stems. Blooms unfailingly for us on one-year plants. **\$5.00**

MRS. A. H. AUSTIN. Fine variety with mammoth golden yellow flowers. 38 in. July. **.75**

OPHIR. Large clusters of deep yellow trumpet-shaped flowers, 25 or more to a stem. June-August. 4 ft. **.75**

PATRICIA. Huge wide lemon flowers, of very firm substance. Fragrant. 3 ft. July. **\$1.50**

PERSIAN PRINCESS. Deep red overlaid with purple. 40 in. July-Aug. **\$5.00**

PURPLE AND GOLD. Glowing tones of deep red flushed with maroon purple. July-August. 39 in. **\$5.00**

Peonies

Deep dug, well-enriched holes and annual feedings of bone meal have produced large clumps of heavily flowering peonies for us in short order. Basically our soil is ideal for growing peony roots, as it is a sandy clay loam with a clay underbase. Even with the long drouth of last year, last fall we dug the finest lot of peony roots we have ever grown. Our prospects for fine roots this year look even better.

ALBERT CROUSSE. Beautiful seashell pink, delicately fragrant. **.75**

AVALANCHE. Late blooming cream white, with large compact flowers. **.75**

BARONESS SCHROEDER. Popular flesh white, 9.0 rating. **.75**

FELIX CROUSSE. Conventional red. **.75**

FESTIVA MAXIMA. White with novel red flecking. **.75**

KELWAY'S GLORIOUS. Midseason white, rating 9.8 or only .1 less than LeCygne, the top ranking peony. Flowers large, rose type, with long, lacinated petals. **\$2.00**

LA FRANCE. Uniform apple blossom pink, with crimson splashes on guards. An exquisite show flower. **.75**

L'ETINCELANTE. Large, single pink flowers, margined with silver. The large center filled with bright yellow stamens give this variety a handsome waterlily like appearance. **.75**

LONGFELLOW. One of the most popular reds for cutting and for landscape. Early to midseason. **.75**

MISCHIEF. Late blooming uniform soft pink, a most attractive single. **.75**

MONS. JULES ELIE. Huge flowers of flesh-pink, shading deeper toward petal base. One of the finest of all peonies. **\$1.00**

NYMPHAEA. Large, flat flowers with wide, creamy white notched petals. Flower is semi-double, with waterlily appearance. **.75**

OFFICINALIS RUBRA. The "Decoration Day" peony whose shiny red flowers have long been an intimate part of farm homesteads. Very popular and in great demand. **.75**

PRIMEVERE. One of the best of the yellow varieties, with creamy white guard petals surrounding a sulphur-yellow ball. **\$1.00**

REINE HORTENSE. Hydrangea pink flowers, with crimson marked guard and center petals. **\$1.00**

In keeping with the times, many of our fine peonies have been materially reduced in price, as reference to our midsummer price list of last summer will show. Our stock is not overly large, so early ordering is advised.

Poppies

These prices are for large, well-developed field roots that invariably bloom the first year after planting. You will find that Oriental poppies will grow more readily and establish more rapidly if a small quantity of peat moss is placed in the hole, around their roots. We set plants on a slant, rather than upright, and use a winter mulch of clean wheat straw.

CERISE BEAUTY. Handsome flowers of cerise pink. **.75**

EDNA PERRY. Medium flowers of bright pink. **.75**

GLOWING EMBERS. Glowing red petals, heavily crinkled, of strong, firm texture. Long lasting. **.75**

HENRI CAYEUX. Large blooms of odd color, termed ashes of roses or old rose shaded burgundy. Early to bloom, medium height, and free flowering. **.75**

JOYCE. Soft red flowers on 48" stems. **.75**

MRS. PERRY. A fine orange-apricot colored variety. **.75**

SALMON GLOW. A fine double salmon orange not to be confused with Olympia. Flowers exceptionally large, heavily double, and very brilliant. **.75**

SASS PINK. Delicate flesh pink, a large poppy of fine crepy texture. **.75**

TUCKDAWA GIANT. A huge, late, deep salmon pink by Ralph Jones of Tuckdawa Gardens, hybridizer of the famous Dorothy J. peony. **\$1.50**

WARLORD. Our finest late dark red. Originated by Dr. Thimlar of Fort Wayne and introduced by Wilmer Flory of Hillsdale Gardens who paid \$100 for the original plant. **\$1.50**

Other Iris

We have about 30 varieties of *Iris pumila* (dwarf iris) in our private garden. Many came as gifts from friends or were picked up, for color effectiveness, from old homes or small nurseries where the true variety name was not known.

We enjoy the early, showy mass of bloom that these small iris make. This year we have a surplus of plants, so are offering them in color collections only at 6 for \$1.00 or 10 for \$1.50. The color range runs from pale to deep blue, cream to deep gold, purple and rosy tones. Suggest what you might like in color as well as season and height, as period of blooms runs about 3 weeks and height 6 to 14 inches.

We also have limited quantities of Table, Siberian and Spuria iris. The table varieties are Ivory and Gold, Peewee, Titmouse and Warbler, all from Mrs. Douglas Pattison's famous Quality Gardens. The spuria, Shelford Giant, also came from there. Our Siberians are many, but the best, we think, are Caesar, Caesar's Brother, Gatineau and Mrs. A. W. Tait.

We have given little thought to growing these commercially, having them largely for personal enjoyment. At the present time a landscape design is in process for creating effective borders and color combinations here at Waldean Farm, where many iris will be on display for the pleasure and enlightenment of those who are more interested in color groupings than latest introduction or variety name. The color patterns will be selected by my son, James H. Small, who will use his knowledge of iris (having grown up with them) combined with art. As some of you know, Jim is a well-known display designer in Chicago . . . a critical judge of form, technique and color.

THE AMERICAN IRIS SOCIETY

For more full enjoyment and appreciation of all types of Iris, we suggest that you join The American Iris Society. Four bulletins filled with timely and valuable information are issued each year and in addition there are group meetings and discussions in which you will like to participate.

Membership dues of \$3.00 a year can be sent to us or directly to Mr. Howard R. Watkins, Secretary, The American Iris Society, 821 Washington Loan & Trust Bldg., Washington, 4, D. C.

IRISES, a modern handbook of 200 pages with color photography and articles by noted authors is being published this year by the Society. Permanent binding volume will cost \$2.50; the paper-bound, \$1.50. A special offer of membership and paper-bound volume, all for \$3.50, is offered to all who join this year.

THE MIDWEST HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

This newly organized, live wire group deserves the support of all who enjoy reading about or just growing "Hems." Their first yearbook, *The Hemerocallis Primer*, is sent to all members who send their \$3.00 yearly dues to Frederick Fisher, Treasurer, P. O. Box 5, Shenandoah, Iowa.

Gift iris or daylilies are sent to all who send their plant order to us of \$2.50 or over, accompanied by checks made out to the respective societies they wish to join.



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